

URBAN DISTRICT OF MATLOCK,

ANNUAL REPORT.

- of the -

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

G.L.Meachim, M.B., Ch.B.

for the year

1950.

Every effort is being made on the part of the Water Engineer's staff to provide a wholesome and plentiful supply of water, and this sometimes requires chlorination. Some people object to the taste of chlorine, an objection with which one can readily sympathise, but it is sometimes inevitable, and at the same time quite harmless, and there is good reason to hope with the introduction of modern methods it will be possible to make the water tasteless, and at the same time harmless to health.

Increased water supply will assist in improving sanitation, and the Sanitary Inspector reports a considerable number of conversions to w.cs. Not only is this more hygienic but, when conversions are completed, a not inconsiderate cost of collection will be entirely eliminated.

With regard to the use of domestic dust-bins, it should be possible to confine their use to inorganic materials if some means of destroying all organic refuse were provided at each house all the year round, particularly when the open fire is not available. Organic refuse is ideal breeding ground for germs and should be destroyed by heat as soon as possible.

Regulations coupled with action by the authorities when necessary are intended to both prevent disease and stop it's spread, if possible immediately, and this cannot be effective without the cooperation of the general public.

In a mechanical age such as this man has upheld his position as the best and most versatile machine, and to be able to function to the best advantage he must be kept in perfect order, and it is the duty of a Public Health Department to give a lead towards the maintenance of this ideal. I wish to thank the members of the Health Committee and Officials of the Council who have helped loyally and consistently throughout the year.

To the Chairman and Members of the Matlock Urban District Council,
Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health on the sanitary circumstances and vital statistics affecting the Urban District of Matlock for the year 1950.

Although no case of diphtheria has been notified for the year, it is of vital importance that immunisation should be carried out, if at all possible, on every child. The number of children who have been brought for immunisation shows a considerable drop compared with the figures of 1949, 22 in 1950, 451 in 1949. The absence of diphtheria has had some influence, but the situation has been aggravated by the prevalence of acute poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis). It should be made clear that immunisation has no bearing on the incidence of acute poliomyelitis, and that there is no connection between them, in that the actual immunisation of a child against diphtheria does not subsequently lead to the occurrence of acute poliomyelitis in that particular child, or in others with whom it might come into contact. There is some evidence, however, that if a child previously immunised, subsequently develops acute poliomyelitis, the limb into which the injection has been made is more likely, but not necessarily, to be affected by paralysis. Immunisation, therefore, need be suspended, only when acute poliomyelitis is prevalent in a particular district, or the number of cases become large enough to constitute an epidemic, and this, if it occurs, is more likely during hot weather. Your family doctor will advise you, or advice may be obtained at the Welfare Clinic.

Whilst the District was free from any incidence of acute poliomyelitis in 1949, a few cases, mostly of a mild nature, were notified this year. It should be noted that research is being carried out, and particularly on each new case, by the Medical Research Council in conjunction with the family doctor, the hospital to which the patient has been admitted, and the Medical Officer of Health of the particular district in which the case has occurred.

The Scarlet Fever incidence is low, and requires little comment, except to say that all cases were mild, and where suitable accommodation was available, remained at home.

It is with considerable satisfaction not to have to record any cases of food poisoning. Catering, as this district does, for a very large influx of daily visitors during those months of the year when it is by no means easy to keep food fresh and wholesome, it resounds to the credit of all concerned with the preparation of meals. A comparison between preparation for meals and getting everything ready for a surgical operation can readily be drawn. In both cases perfect cleanliness is necessary, and team work absolutely essential, each member knowing his particular job, and just as a nurse is trained for her professional work and has to pass examinations, so should cooks be trained at recognised catering schools before being allowed to supervise meals in public restaurants. The absence of cellars and the fact that pantries are not always placed on the cooler side of a modern house does not help to keep food fresh, thus there is a greater need for refrigeration. The same strict rules apply to the storing and handling of milk, and here again supervision and strict training are essential. It is now required that all milk sold should conform to standards of safety, and it is intended that this should be introduced gradually, first in one part of the country and then in another, as machinery becomes available to treat the milk. All milk sold will eventually become "Special Designated Milk" that is "Sterilised Milk", "Pasteurised Milk" or "Tuberculin Tested Milk".

Factories Act, 1937.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	36	41	5	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) to which Section 7 applies (a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938, (b) Others	132 -	95 -	2 -	- -
(3) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	168	136	7	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Reme- died	Referred To H.M. by Inspector.	H.M.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	8	8	-	1	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	11	11	-	1	-

<u>OUTWORK.</u>	No. of out-workers in August list reqd by Section 110(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosec- utions.
Nature of Work.						
Wearing apparel Making Etc.	15	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE SHOWING CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS AS COMPARED WITH OTHER CENTRES IN ENGLAND & WALES.

	England and Wales	126 County Boroughs & Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns Resident Population 25,000-50,000	London Administrative County	Matlock U.D.C.
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)	15.8	17.6	16.7	17.8	15.99
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)	11.6	12.3	11.6	11.8	12.44
Infant Mortality (Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live Births)	29.8	33.8	29.4	26.3	30.40
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live Births)					25.18

FORM NO.1.

MATLOCK District.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cases notified during 1950.

	<u>Number of Cases</u> <u>Noti- Removed to</u> <u>fied. Hospital.</u>	
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	4	1
Tuberculosis - Other Forms	4	3
Smallpox:-		
No. vaccinated and re-vaccinated	-	-
No. vaccinated in infancy	-	-
No. vaccinated	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	-
Diphtheria	NIL	NIL
Enteric Fever:-		
Typhoid	1	1
Para-typhoid	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever	2	2
Erysipelas	2	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	NIL	NIL
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	1
Acute Polio-Myelitis	6	6
Pneumonia	6	3
Measles	333	1
Whooping Cough	40	5

YEAR 1950.

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1950.

AGE GROUPS.

MATLOCK District.

Disease.	Under one year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	60-	TOTAL
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	6
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL
Enteric Fever:- Typhoid Para-typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1 1 1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	2	6
Measles	14	24	49	35	37	72	100	-	1	1	-	-	333
Polio-myelitis	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	6
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Cerebral Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Whooping Cough	5	4	11	6	5	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	40

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Registrar-General's Estimate of Population Mid 1950	18,510
Population Census 1921	15,716
Population Census 1931	16,596
Area in Acres	16,598
Rateable Value	£115,790
Product of Penny Rate	£457

	Male.	Female.	Total.
<u>Live Births:-</u> Total	150	146	296
Legitimate	141	137	278
Illegitimate	9	9	18

<u>Still Births:-</u> Total	5	2	7
Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate	1	-	1

<u>Deaths all Ages:-</u>	104	127	231
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Deaths of Infants Under 1 Year of Age:-

Total	5	4	9
Legitimate	5	4	9
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age:-

Total	4	3	7
Legitimate	4	3	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Birth Rate is 15.99 per 1,000 population

Death Rate is 12.48 per 1,000 population

Phthisis Death Rate .16 per 1,000 population

Respiratory Death Rate .54 per 1,000 population

Infantile Death Rate 30.40 per 1,000 Births

Death Rate, Legitimate Infants 32.37 per
1,000 legitimate live Births

Death Rate, Illegitimate Infants, NIL

Infantile Death Rate Under Four Weeks 25.18 per 1,000 Births.

TABLE OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY FOR 8 YEARS.

	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Birth Rate	17.51	19.9	16.1	19.12	21.64	18.45	16.50	15.99
Death Rate all causes	12.56	12.5	12.0	14.21	13.55	10.88	12.04	12.48
Deaths under 1 year - all causes per 1,000 live births.	30.30	44.6	29.9	43.34	27.10	20.96	46.66	30.40

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF NEW TUBERCULOSIS CASES
IN MATLOCK AREA.

TUBERCULOSIS Age Period.	NEW CASES.				MORTALITY.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	1	2	-	1	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	0	2	2	1	2	-	-

Causes of Death (Civilians only)	Males	Females	Total
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	2	3
2. Tuberculosis, Other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	1	-	1
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	2	4
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	1	4
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	3	3
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2	2
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	6	9	15
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	1	1
16. Diabetes	-	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	24	37	61
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	10	8	18
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	2	2
20. Other Heart Disease	19	31	50
21. Other Circulatory Disease	5	6	11
22. Influenza	1	1	2
23. Pneumonia	1	3	4
24. Bronchitis	5	-	5
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	2	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	2	-	2
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined diseases	16	12	28
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-	2
34. All other accidents	1	4	5
35. Suicide	2	-	-
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
Total Deaths, all causes	104	127	231

Town Hall,
Matlock.

July 1951.

G.L.Meachim,

Medical Officer of Health.

LIBRARY



URBAN DISTRICT OF MATLOCK.

A N N U A L R E P O R T .

- of the -

SANITARY INSPECTOR

C.R. Lill, C.R. San. I. M. S. I. A.

for the year

1950.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR
MATLOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1950

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Councillor Mrs A.M.Greatorex

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health:-

G.Leslie Meachim M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector:-

C.Raymond Lill, C.R.San I., M.S.I.A.

Housing Assistant:-

R.G.Childs

Clerk:-

A.S.Duncan

May 1951.

Statistical Summary.

Rateable Value of General Rate at 31/3/50	£115,790
Estimated product of a Penny Rate 1950-51	£457
Area of District	16,598 acres
Population (Estimated Mid 1950)	18,510
Number of inhabited houses	5,146
Rainfall	29.45 inches

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee,
Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith present for your information my Annual Report for 1950, the 6th Annual Report as your Sanitary Inspector.

I have nothing of a revolutionary nature to report for 1950 but would say that all routine matters of inspection have received the closest attention during the year, particularly in respect of housing repairs, food premises, ice-cream sale and all matters of environmental health affecting the general well-being of the community.

It is regretted that essential house repairs are still held up for a variety of reasons, lack of labour and shortage of money seem to be the chief difficulties. Lack of skilled labour is explained by the urgent need for the maximum to be used on new houses, the shortage of money by the excessive cost of living and low rents received for properties making it almost impossible for owners to expend on repairs.

I find as the years pass on that the virtue of patience is one of the most valuable qualities of a Sanitary Inspector in dealing with the difficulties, frustrations and delays obtaining today in getting the completion of necessary sanitary work and it is with these difficulties in mind that I can say progress is being made in the improvement of sanitary conditions in most of the unsatisfactory circumstances we encounter from day to day.

A new venture started during the year **was** the issue of dust bins under Section 75 (3) whereby dust bins were supplied under loan and charged out at 5/- per annum on the Rate Demand, this, although causing considerable more work in both Departments, appears to be working in a satisfactory manner.

I would here record my appreciation of the support given to me by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and thanks to Officials and members of my staff without whose loyal cooperation I could not have achieved the improvements that have been completed during the year.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1950.

Matlock Urban District.

Name of Inspector: C.R.Lill.

Estimated Population: 1949 - 18,180. Estimated No. of Houses: 5146.

Inspections Made & Nuisances Abated.

Number of Inspections Made.	Number of Nuisances Abated.
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CLOSETS AND ASHPITS:-

Defective Privies, Pail Closets & Ashpits (not for conversion)	2	2
Conversion of Privies into W.C's	39	9
Conversion of Pail Closets into W.C's	308	62
Conversion of Privies into Pail Closets	-	-
Defective Water Closets	35	19
Provision of Additional Water Closets	22	22
Provision of Portable Ashbins	70	135
Dirty Closets.	3	2

DRAINAGE:-

No Disconnection of Waste Pipe	22	9
Defective Waste Pipe, Traps, Inlets & Drains	134	63
Drains obstructed	83	48

OTHER DEFECTS:-

Paving of Courts and Yards	46	24
Roofs, Eaves-Spouts & Down-Spouts	104	65
Sinks	70	31
Insufficient Ventilation	13	4
Windows	32	17
Dampness	60	21
Water in Cellars	14	6
Water Supply	24	15
Overcrowding	5	1
Foul Condition of Houses	22	10
Offensive Accumulations	2	2
Animals improperly kept	9	4
Pigsties	5	2
Smoke Nuisances	2	1
Urinals	25	13
Nuisances not specified above	696	318

Totals	1849	905
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2963
4812

Miscellaneous Inspections
(Not included in above but
including Rat Infestation,
Housing & Shops, Food & Drugs).

Number on Register.	Inspections Made.	Nuisances Abated with or without Notices.
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Dairies	3	13	4
Bakehouses	19	36	7
Slaughterhouses	5	9	2
Offensive Trades	1	8	1
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-
Totals	28	66	14

Factories Act, 1937.

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(3) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	168	136	7	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
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Want of cleanliness (S.1)	8	8	-	1	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	11	11	-	1	-

<u>OUTWORK.</u>	No. of out-workers in August list reqd by Section 110(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosec- utions.
Nature of Work.						
Wearing apparel Making Etc.	15	-	-	-	-	-

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR 1950.

TO THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

	No. on Register	Increase or Decrease	Inspections Made.
Bakehouses	19	-	36
Canal Boats	Nil	-	-
Common Lodging Houses	Nil	-	-
Dairies	3	-	13
Factories & Workplaces	168	2	136
Houses Let in Lodgings	Nil	-	-
Ice Cream Premises	78	19	86
Market-Stalls	Nil	-	14
Milk Distributors	3	-	8
Moveable Dwellings (a) Sites	6	-	6
(b) Dwellings	12	-	12
Offensive Trades	1	-	8
Outworkers	15	-	21
Preserved Food Stores	19	-	26
Shops	328	-	110
Slaughterhouses	5	-	9

SAMPLING.

No. of Samples taken

Results

Meth. Blue
Sat. Unsat

Fat
Sat. Unsat.

Ice Cream

15

6 6

3 -

Meth. Blue
Sat. Unsat

Milk (a) Routine

Figures not available.

Positive Negative

(b) Biological

Figures not available.

Sat. Unsat.

(c) By Food & Drugs
Authority

22

21 1

Sat. Unsat.

Water (a) Mains

160

151 9

(b) Other sources

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-

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WATER SUPPLIES.

		Est. Pop. Involved.
No. of Houses in District connected to mains	4742	16,597
No. of Houses in District supplied from standpipes on mains	63	220
No. of Houses in District not supplied from standpipes or mains	341	1,194
No. of connections made during year:-		
(a) existing houses	21	74
(b) new houses	87	305
(c) other premises	7	25

DRAINAGE.

		Est. Pop. Involved.
No. of Houses in District connected to sewers	4342	15,197
No. of Houses in District not connected to sewers	804	2,814
No. of connections made during year:-		
(a) existing houses	26	91
(b) new houses	93	325
(c) other premises	5	-
No. of conversions of other closets to w.cs	71	-

HOUSING.

New Houses erected during year by:-

(a) Local Authority	78
(b) Private Enterprise	15

No. of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts).....	568
No. of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....	255
No. of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....	3
No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of action (formal or informal) by the Local Authority....	208
No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made....	Nil
No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders....	Nil
No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted.....	2
No. of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made....	Nil

Additional Inspections.

Shop Inspections	110
Factories & Workshops	136
Fried Fish & Chip Shops	22
Ice Cream Shops etc.	86
Bakehouses	36

Milk and other Foods.

Milk:- (By Food & Drugs Authority)

22 Satisfactory
1 Unsatisfactory

Refuse Collection & Disposal.

Controlled Tip etc.	422
Refuse Collection	70

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

A fair average weekly collection has been carried out during the year with the unfortunate exception of the winter season when excessive sickness was experienced, this in the last two quarters when we had 10% loss of working time seriously upsetting the regular routine.

I should like to record here the forbearance of the public during this trying period when comparatively few complaints were received.

The number of receptacles for which the Department is responsible for collecting is 5451 dust-bins and 634 pail closets.

The whole of the District's house and trade refuse is disposed of by Controlled Tipping at Dimple Farm where we have been tipping for four years. The first section, which was originally estimated to last five years, will be completely tipped up during 1951, after which the surface will be levelled down with soil for which completion we are now making preparations. The second section will be opened this next year after piping of the stream has been completed.

The income from salvage sorted from refuse at the Controlled Tip during 1950 was £191 6s 6d, with a total income for the life of the Controlled Tip amounting to £955 18s 0d.

During my period of office since 1945 some 1750 dust-bins have been provided by owners in the area as a result of action by the Department. However during 1949 a Statutory Notice was authorised and served on the owner of certain dwellings, after due consideration had been given by the Committee. The owner appealed in the local Court of Summary Jurisdiction against the Notice. The Appeal was upheld by the Magistrates. The Local Authority then appealed to the Appeals Committee of the Derbyshire Quarter Sessions when the decision of the Local Magistrates was confirmed.

Arising out of the above decision the Health Committee could visualise Statutory Notices being served and possible legal action ensuing in respect of numerous other dwellings in the District. The appropriate Committee therefore decided to supply dust-bins under the provisions of the Public Health Act, Section 75, Sub-Section 3, at an annual charge of 5/- per dust-bin.

Under the new bin scheme, which has operated from June 1950, 135 bins have been provided by the Council to 31 December 1950. 63 of these were paid for outright and 72 will be charged out with the 1951-52 Rate Demands.

It is to be hoped that in the near future steps will be taken by new Legislation to clarify the position in which many Local Authorities find themselves in respect to the provision of dust-bins.

SALVAGE.

The collection of salvage, particularly waste paper, has provided our main source of income this year and in view of the urgent need to salvage paper has again proved that the foresight exercised some five years ago as to a Disposal Contract and the decision to continue the collection of paper was a wise one and is now forming a good foundation to the collection, again so necessary. The following table is, I think, of interest in as much that it shows the gradual increase in income from waste materials and proves that the continuance of this important part of the refuse collection service is worth while.

TABLE OF SALVAGE INCOME.

	Tons Paper	Income Paper	Tons all Salvage	Income all Salvage.
1940/41	165	673	263	897
1941/42	178	802	238	935
1942/43	171	1135	250	1339
1943/44	117	771	190	955
1944/45	109	720	128	759
1945/46	93	594	101	629
1946/47	83	529	82	550
1947/48	104	687	114	803
1948/49	166	1187	183	1318
1949/50	196	1354	248	1475
1950/51	203	1504	226	1555
Total	1585	£9956	2023	£11,215

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD & MILK DISTRIBUTION.

Milk.

The distribution of milk by Licensed Producers has been continually supervised, the majority of the milk is produced locally and has again been well maintained during the year.

25 Samples have been taken for Methylene Blue Test, 9 for Phosphatase Test and 1 Tubercle Bacilli & Biological Test. Of the Methylene Blue Tests 19 were satisfactory, 9 Phosphatase and 1 Biological Test were satisfactory.

The following were registered with this Authority for the year ending December 1950:-

Distributor or Dairy Premises	4
Dealers License T.T. Accredited	11
Dealers License Supplementary T.T. Accredited	1
Dealers License Pasteurised	9
Dealers License Supplementary Pasteurised	1

OTHER FOODS.

Registration, Ice-Cream.

Manufacturers of Ice-Cream	1
Sale of Ice-Cream	74
No. of visits to the above	86

We have now only one Manufacturer operating in this District and he uses the Heat Treatment Mixing Method and has maintained his premises in a satisfactory condition during the year.

12 Samples of ice-cream were taken during the year for analysis under the Methylene Blue Test and were provisionally graded as under:-

<u>Grade 1.</u>	<u>Grade 2.</u>	<u>Grade 3.</u>	<u>Grade 4.</u>
2	4	2	4

3 Samples were taken by the County Analyst for percentage of fat content with the following results:-

Number 1 - 8.8%

Number 2 - 9.7 %

Number 3 - 3.9%

BAKEHOUSES.

Number on Register - 19

36 visits have been made during the year and generally a reasonable standard has maintained, where exception has been taken to methods and conditions I have found that cooperation is usually available in an endeavour to find means of improvement.

12 requests for cleansing, sanitary and repair work have been made 7 of these have been completed and the remainder are still in hand.

FISH AND CHIP FRYERS.

Number on Register:- 9 Premises. 2 Mobile Vans.

22 visits have been made to Shops and Vans and with one exception all were found to be maintained to a decent standard.

LICENSED PREMISES.

We are slowly but surely bringing the sanitary and washing facilities at licensed premises up to a more hygienic standard. Improvements are proceeding at five Houses and work is proposed at four others where plans are being prepared and licenses sought for the work. Progress is very slow but this is caused by licensing difficulties and shortage of labour and is, therefore, out of our control. I would say, however, that the appropriate Brewery Companies are very alive to the need for these improvements and readily cooperate when called upon to do so.

REGISTRATION, POTTED, PRESERVED & PRESSED FOOD.

Registration of 19 premises under the Food & Drugs Act 1938, Section 14 (2) has been made and inspections carried out during the year show a good standard.

MINISTRY OF FOOD BYE-LAWS.

It is pleasing to record that my Council in October 1950 decided to apply for adoption of Food Bye-Laws based on the Ministry of Food Draft. When these are finally confirmed it is felt that added strength will be given to us in dealing with food handling problems.

HOUSING.

313 Inspections have been made in response to complaints, in the course of routine inspections about the District and as a check on Applications for Council Houses.

It is increasingly my firm opinion that until there is some easing of the burden on Landlords by increasing rents property will continue to deteriorate in condition to a very low level. It is extremely difficult to get repairs carried out, even the very urgent ones, owing very often to the sheer inability of owners to meet the financial liabilities envisaged when called upon to carry out repairs. I feel called upon to reiterate the opinion expressed in the 1949 Report that unless this burden is eased the continued deterioration of property will add seriously to the already heavy load of housing responsibility on Local Authorities.

During the year one Closing Order for an underground room has been made under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936. One undertaking to close one cottage under Section 11 has been accepted and one undertaking given to demolish one cottage at Shipley Row, Tansley.

MEAT.

The following schedule shows the meat inspected at the Bakewell Slaughterhouse where 51 visits were made for this purpose.

In addition to the meat condemned below the following were surrendered informally by Traders as meat unfit for human consumption, chiefly by faults in storage, refrigeration and transport causing perforation, moulds, brine staining and bone taint.

Beef: 243 lbs. Bacon: 62 lbs. Tinned Meat: 6 lbs.

During the year the transport and handling of meat has been improved, the meat carriers having been provided with head coverings, capes and waterproof aprons. They have been reasonably consistent in wearing them, although I had occasion to give the carriers serious warning at one period as to Statutory action being taken if more care was not taken in the handling of meat from van to shop, since then methods have improved.

MEAT INSPECTION UNDER THE CENTRAL SCHEME.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS
Number Killed (if known)	388	203	60	1565	15
Number Inspected	388	203	60	1565	15
All diseases except Tuberculosis:-					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	1	1	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	111	56	-	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	28.60%	27.58%	1.66%	-	-
Tuberculosis only:-					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	3	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	51	101	-	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	13.14%	49.75%	-	-	-

SWIMMING BATHS - OPEN AIR POOLS.

Periodic examinations were made during the Bathing Season and 15 samples taken proved the water was bacteriologically suitable for bathing purposes. On 5 other samples the water proved unsatisfactory and these supplies were immediately cut out of circulation, after which re-sampling proved satisfactory.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948, SECTION 47.

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

It has not been necessary to take any action under the above Act.

TENTS, CARAVANS AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

A Survey of all Caravans was made during the year and submitted for consideration to the Health Committee.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

(1) No. of portable dustbins emptied by Council	5451	(4) Water Closets	4180
(2) Premises visited for waste paper	169	(5) Pail & Earth Closets	1005
(3) Pail closets emptied by Council	634	(6) Cesspools in Area	39

Conversions.

Number of pails and privies converted to W.Cs - 71

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949.

Under the above Act, which came into force on 31 March 1950, it was included that a Report should be completed and forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for fiscal year ending 31 December 1950. In accordance with their Regulations the following report has been completed and sent.

Type of Property	Total Properties	Prevalence of Rats & Mice Inspections	
Local Authority's Property	22	53	
Dwelling House	4991	40	
Business Premises	815	33	
Agricultural Property	115	10	
	5943	136	

Type of Property	Measures of Control taken by Local Authy.		
	No. of Properties Inspected.	No. of Inspections.	Treatments.
Local Authority's Property	20	462	53
Dwelling House	230	625	40
Business Premises	57	328	33
Agricultural Property	29	254	10
	336	1669	136

Generally rodent control on Council properties, sewers and river banks has been maintained to the satisfaction of the Ministry's Representative.

PERSONAL.

In conclusion I have to express my thanks to the staff of this Department for the conscientious manner in which they have carried out their duties.

I remain Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C.R. Lill,

